Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-101. (Canceled)

102. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula:

$$R_6$$
 $COOH$
 R_5

wherein n is between [[0]] 2 and 3,

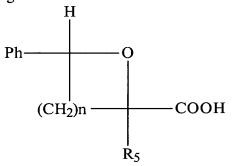
R₅ represents hydrogen, -CH₂COOH, -CH₂COOMe(-CH₂COOH₃), -CH₃, -OH, -OMe(-OCH₃) or -CH₂CH₃, and

R₆ and R₈ are independently hydrogen or phenyl but may not be both hydrogen, and may be further independently -CH₃ when R₅ represents -CH₂COOH or -CH₂COOMe(-CH₂COOH₃), its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition[[,]].

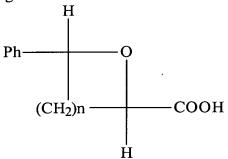
with the proviso that when n=0 and R₅ represents hydrogen, then if one of R₆ or R₆ is phenyl, the other is not hydrogen.

103. (Canceled)

- 104. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 102, wherein R₅ represents hydrogen or -CH₂COOCH₃.
- 105. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 102, including its salts and each one of its pure enantiometric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition, corresponding to the following formula:



106. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 102, including its salts and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition, corresponding to the following formula:



107. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 102, corresponding to the following formula:

$$Ph$$
 $COOH$
 CH_2CO_2Me

including its salts and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

108. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

$$Me$$
 O
 CH_2OOMe
 CH_2COOMe

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

109. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

110. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

Ph
$$\longrightarrow$$
 COOH

 H_2 C —— COOH

 CH_2 COOMe

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

111. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ Ph \longrightarrow O \\ H_2C \longrightarrow COOH \end{array}$$

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

112. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

113. (Canceled)

114. (Canceled)